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# Industrial automation systems and integration — Product data representation and exchange — Part 11 : Description methods: The EXPRESS language reference manual

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10303 defines a language by which aspects of product data can be specified. The language is called *EXPRESS*.

This part of ISO 10303 also defines a graphical representation for a subset of the constructs in the *EXPRESS* language. This graphical representation is called *EXPRESS-G*.

*EXPRESS* is a data specification language as defined in ISO 10303-1. It consists of language elements which allow an unambiguous data definition and specification of constraints on the data defined.

The following are within the scope:

- data types;
- constraints on instances of the data types.

The following are outside the scope of this part of ISO 10303:

- definition of database formats;
- definition of file formats;
- definition of transfer formats;
- process control;
- information processing;
- exception handling.

*EXPRESS* is not a programming language.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 10303. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were